KANSAS BANK ROBBED.

Three Robbers Stood Off Citizens While Two Others Blew Open Vault.

Atchison, Kas. Dec. 10.-Five bandits who worked with all the last week. confidence and daring of the early today and overawing the sport shooting rabbits.

officers with revolver shots, Mr. Stult's baby is in very poor officers with revolver shots, robbed the state bank and escaped with \$1,500. They were at nursing to pull it through. work in the bank almost two 1 o'clock.

moving picture stunt that real estate in Bates Couonty. life bank robbery. Before beginning work on the vault the rob- blacksmith has put ou a calendar bers climbed to the roof and cut for 1916 and he has los of them, the telephone wires. Then three Please call and get yours. mounted guard on the three cor- James Crooks has his fine new ners facing the bank while two hip roofed barn completed on the blew the vault. Nine charges of outside and is now at work on the nitroglycerine were used before inside. It is ready for the paint. the vault yielded.

Residents of the town, awakened by the explosion and unable to learn the cause, appeared on the streets and made several attempts to frighten the robbers off day. but were driven back to cover by well directed shots. Finally the operator at the Missouri Pacific depot got a message through to the sheriff's office at Hiawatha.

One of the robbers on guard outside found City Marshal Butler in a barber shop.

Sheriff Cal Bidwell arrived an hour after the robbery and organized a posse to follow them, but the trail was lost on the outskirts of the own. -

Funeral of H. C. Boyd.

The following account of the funeral of Hiram C. Boyd a former resident of this city, is taken from the Corona (Cal.) Independ-

With the easket draped with a large American flag under whose stars and stripes he had fought in the Civil war surrounded by a mass of beautiful flowers that he had loved so well during his noble life and in the presence of a large number of his comrades and sorrowing friends and relatives all that was mortal of the late H. C. Boyd was lowered to its last tery this morning.

The funeral services conductwere brief but impressive. quartette consisting of Mrs. S. S.

at the grave. lected from the ranks of the Sons at his father. E. Small: As a token of reverence for the departed old veteran the flag on the city hall and all the school buildings floated at half mast throughout the day.

Mr. Boyd was a brother of Mrs. Emma Speer, Mrs. Kate Brooks and Ben F. Boyd of this city.

Snow Storms in the East

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.-One man was killed, several were State today.

Instruments in the Weather Bureau showed that nearly seven inches of snow had fallen since early morning. Large forces of men were at work all day keeping the streets and tracks cleared and traffic was only slightly im-

In the country districts, where nearly a foot of snow fell, many telegraph and telephone wires were prostrated and wire com-munication between this city and New Bork was hampered.

Lies of Lotters.

Remaining uncalled for in the post office at Butler, Mo., for the week chiling December 14, 1915:
Mr. Carmichael, A. Debernadi, Mrs. Carma, Mrs. E. J. Smith;
These letters will be sent to

On the Wing.

Virgil Jenkins has a new Round Oak heater for sale that has never had a fire in it.

Lewis Danderline, and family visited Cyrus Nestlerode one day #+#+#+#+#+#+#+#+#+#+#

Volney McFadden and three of James or Dalton boys rode into his Kansas City chums motored the town of Everest near here, down last week to have a little

health and will require close

Joe Tipton of Scunute, Kas., is hours, having broken into it about spending a wetk or so visiting his o'clock.

The robbery was more like a family and looking after his real

Virgil Jenkins the Virginia

L. L. Wix has his barn almost completed. Taney Lewis was hauling corn

· The literary was rained out at the Crooks school house Friday night but will be on hand next Friday night . .

Dick Grandern and son, Ebert, are up about West Line gathering

Miss Della Grandern is clerking in a big dry goods store in Merwin.

Wm. Witt sold fat hogs in Drexel Monday.

Road boss Walter Hines are going to commence blasting the hill down West Boone township. He is going to fix it so the aut s will have no trouble.

J.-A. Mace and wife spent the latter part of the week at Mike Caylor's over in Kansas and helped his father-in-law butcher.

Geo. Grandern says he is one hour older than his brother Ebert. Jno. Weeden is a very sick man with something like the walking typhoid fever.

Jno. Hussy and family are almost down with the grip.

Bert Owens the elevator man of Merwin Mo., has it full of corn and has about 3 thousand bushresting place in Sunnyslope ceme- els pulled on the ground around the building.

It was horrible about the death ed by the Rev. S. S. Sampson of of Mr. Winfield Scott, age 68. the Methodist Episcopal church, He and his son were batching. About daybreak the young man went around to his traps and Sampson, Mrs. M. Terpening, F. came home at noon, got his dinner F. Thompson and Dee McConntll and then began to search for his rendered beautiful and appro- father. He looked in the hog lot priate selections at the home and and seen about 80 hogs in a bunch the grave.

The pall bearers had been sected from the ranks of the Sons at his father. The conditions are to the sons at his father. The conditions are to the sons at his father. The conditions are to the sons at his father. The conditions are to the same for delivering a box to that house at hall in Fraternal Inn. the son dragged of Veterans and the G. A. R. and him to another lot and sent for were: Messrs. L. L. Andrews, the coroner. When Mr. Crabtree Bert Humble, F. S. Alden How- of Butler got there 100 or more ard Glass, Luther Patton and R. were on the ground. I have not heard the coroner's report. N. M. N.

M. E. Church, South.

E. K. Wolfe, Pastor. Christmas Services. Golden text: "The Angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great setting the chain joy, which shall be to all people." on the inside. A special program, "White Gifts for the King," will be rendered at 7:30 p. m. We shall be glad to seriously injured and there were have you bring something for the numerous minor accidents as a poor. Clothing for children or light switch and result of the snowstorm which articles of food will be appreciationally and a dash for swept the eastern portion of the ed. The pulpit will be decorated the table. He remembered the ab in white and the gifts are to be and size of the box. His eyes made wrapped in white paper. We in- out one corresponding to it.

Baron Von Brincken Indicted

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13 .-Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attache of the German consulate here; C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Margaret Cornell, a secret agent, said to be in Crowley's employ, were indicted late today by the Grand Jury on two

The first count charges con-spiracy to interfere and destroy commerce between the several States of the Union and the Unit-ed States and fereign countries. The second count charges me of

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Under the Mistletoe

By M. P. Heatherington

(Copyright by Western Newspaper Unit was an ideal Yuletide. The st notes of church chimes throbbing or melodiously, "Peace on earth, will to men," announced it; laus smiles, gay greetings among the street crowds emphasized it. To men going in the same direc strangers one to the other, yet oddly mutually involved in a fateful of stance of the hour, uncor lessened their gait to catch the fi notes from the distant belfry.

He in advance, swarthy, evil-eyed, bearing a neatly covered box u his arm, uttered an ugly, sinister

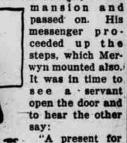
"Before that hour strikes again this!" he hissed malevolently rather than uttered, and he tapped the box and strode on, grim with some profound purpose,

The man ten paces behind him, young, handsome, neat, but none too fashionably clad, carried a thin, square package suggesting a canvas, for his was an artist's face, and he was an artist-Chase Merwyn.

Had he spoken his heart's thought he would have whispered softly:

"Before this hour strikes again I shall have said good-by to all I love." He of the sinister semblance strode on and turned into a fashionable residence thoroughfare. Unconsciously like a shadow, the other kept almost even pace with him. Under an arc lamp Chase Merwyn paused to look over the package he carried. His objective point was a mansion, a daszling place of light and luxury, and before it the sinister-looking man had halted a poorly-dressed fellow struggling along without an overcoat, and blue and pinched with the cold.

The twain were conversing and the man with the box handed it to the other, pointed to the doorway of the



to hear the other Mr. Worthington; to be opened tomorrow."

"Oh, of course that," smiled the servant, taking the box. "I will place it with the other gifts. Ah, Mr. Mer wyn," and the servant stepped aside to admit him.

"For Miss Worthington," said Merwyn, handing his gift to the other. His gift was a picture he had painted, and with it was a letter.

Slowly Merwyn descended the steps. He paused for a few moments on the pavement to take a last look at the home that held so much for him. A slinking figure approached him from

the shadows.
"Mister," he stammered, "I'm poor

"Ah, I remember!" observed Merwyn, recalling man and circumstance. "A gold coin is so rare for a triffing service." resumed the other. "that I was suspicious. Then again I didn't like the face of the man who gave it to me: I followed him. He met some others like himself. I heard him laugh

over an explosion about midnight." "Great heavens!" ejaculated Merwyn, comprehending, and was up the

steps in a flash. "Quick! Quick open!" he cried to the servant, just "The music room!" uttered

Merwyn excitedly

window, there was a flash, and outside a detonation that shook the house. Some flying object thudded against his head and he fell to the floor.

It was Christmas day when he opened his eyes. He lay upon a or pelled directly under the chands Daylight was streaming into the was ricaded. His head was bandaged, seated at a little distance was But

OUR LANDIS

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FOR 1916.

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Members starting with \$1.00 and decreasing cents each two for fifty get \$25.50.

Members starting with one cent and for fifty get \$12.75.

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for fifty weeks

Be one of the first on the list. Start when the Club starts. Get your friends to start with you.

It costs you nothing to join. All you have to do to become a member is to make the first payment. You may join as many classes as you desire.

Peoples Bank

The Bank on Which You Can Always Bank.

Knights of Pythin-Blue Flag Lodge, No. 130, meets each Friday night at Castle Hall on south side of

Woodmen of The World—Maple Camp meets at the call of the Sov-erign Commander.

Confederate Veterans Marmaduke uke Camp, No. 515, meets at the all of the commander,

National Americans Meets second Monday night in each month at Woodman Hall. I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday night in hall over Fraternal Inn.

A. F. and A. M.—Meets first and third Saturday night in each month at hall in Fraternal Inn.

Daughters of Rebekah Carnation Lodge meets the second and fourth Thursday in each month in hall in Fraternal Inn. Blazzi R. A. Chapter Stated meetings on second and fourth Thursday nights in each month in hall in Fraternal Inc.

Boyal and Scient Hastern—Butler Jouncil, No. 22, meets on the second Cuesday in each month in hall in Traternal Inn.

Elkhart.

This part of the county had a big rain last Friday night which was very much needed. This is fine fall weather.

Aunt Mag Scott, Miss Euphie Scott and Aunt Lore Scott all con Fritts last Sunday in honor spent one day last week at the home of Tom Rayborn. -

pulled off last week. Cows sold a pair of mules last week. higher than a cat's back.

The ladies of the Mt. Vernon! church served lunch at the Kersh- night. They report they took in

W. H. Hart has done some fine road work in his district.

C. B. Henderson sawed last Friday.

nut township this week. the Crooks school house knocked ter, Mrs. Mag Keeton.
Rambler out last week as he did
Mount school had a

not show up this week. It is reported that Otis Sum-in \$14 and of course had a good mers, G. W. Armentrout and Mer-time. itt Pickett started to Barton

W. F. Stephens is getting along dock last week. all right at present.

Elkhart and West Point pulled off another wedding last Saturday. Amos Fritts and Miss Maggie Speaks were marriel in But-ler. We wish them the best of

luck through life. There was a big dinner at Deaof the bride and groom. We did

not hear who all was there. Fred Bruner moved to the Ed
Bailey ranch out on the state line
last week.

The Boyd Kershner sale was

The Lone Star pie supper was pulled off all right. They took in \$12 and all report a good time.

John Porter sold John Rayborn

> The pie supper at Concord was pulled off on time last Saturday \$11 and of course they had a good time. Deacon Fritts was the auctioneer.

Boyd Kershner and his mother Louisburg Kansas, to make that John Rayborn will move to a their future home. We wish them farm that he has rented in Wal-

Mrs. W. A. Crumley spent last We guess that joint debate at Sunday at the home of her daugh-

Mount school had a pie supper last Wednesday night. They took

. W. E. Crumley is going into the county to move John Barton back turkey business. They bought to Bates county. two turkey hens from L. S. Pad-

JOHNNY.

Candies, Grapes, Oranges, Bananas, Nuts, etc.

Imas Candles from 10e up. Let us they you. Orange Bananas Grapes, Nute, etc. Lete of good ti Print Mile Plan Table Po that will places you.